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Dear Dr. Southerland and Mr. McGrath,
On behalf of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Lander, WY I am submitting a letter against the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division's August 20,2014 decision to downgrade surface waters from primary to secondary contact recreation through a categorical Use Attainability Analysis.

NOLS has a 50-year history of outdoor education and stewardship in Wyoming. In 2014 alone, we ran 121 wilderness expeditions, accounting for more than 28,000 student user-days on public land in Wyoming, each relying the clean, safe sources of water found in our state. We ask that the EPA consider the attached letter and reject the Wyoming DEQ's Categorical Use Attainability Analysis.

I ask to be kept informed of any process or decision from the EPA regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

-David Schimelpfenig

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